

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application No. 09/674,714

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Mouse Pad Comprising a Card

Read/Write Device

Group Art Unit: 2876

Examiner: Jamara A. Franklin

Response to Office Action

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action in this matter mailed June 20, 2002, the applicant respectfully requests that the application be reconsidered in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendment

As suggested by the examiner, please amend the title of this invention from "Unit Comprising a Card Read/Write Device" to "Mouse Pad Comprising a Card Read/Write Device."

Remarks

The examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 18, 23, 24, 27 28 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Lester (US 6,061,446) ("Lester"), and has rejected claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14-17 and 19-22 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in light of Lester combined with Braun (US 6,300,936 ("Braun"). The examiner has also rejected claims 25, 26, 29, 30 and 32 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in light of Lester and Braun when combined with House (US 4,799,054) ("House").

For the reasons stated below, applicant respectfully opposes these rejections.